

House Resolution 237

By: Representatives Benton of the 31st and Jamieson of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the 2007 Maysville Autumn Leaf Festival; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, on the first full weekend in October of 2007, the Maysville community will host
3 its 40th Annual Maysville Autumn Leaf Festival; and

4 WHEREAS, the yearly celebration began in the fall of 1966 as the "Autumn Leaf Arts and
5 Crafts Festival," when the president of the Community Improvement Club, Reverend Bryan
6 Edwards, decided to create an event to capitalize on Maysville's "ghost town" aesthetic and
7 bring the town's empty buildings back to life; and

8 WHEREAS, today, Reverend Edwards' dream is alive and well, and the festival has been
9 held consistently since 1966, with one exception in 1992; and

10 WHEREAS, in honor of the festival's 20th anniversary in 1986, the Coca-Cola Company
11 presented the community with a commemorative bottle with a special design featuring a
12 caricature of Reverend Edwards image; and

13 WHEREAS, the event has traditionally showcased artists from throughout Georgia, including
14 the talents of artists from the Piedmont Park Arts and Crafts Show and the Atlanta Ballet, and
15 the festival has grown to include live music, parades, dancing, and an antique car show and
16 has been recognized as the third largest festival in Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, the 40-year tradition of the Maysville Autumn Leaf Festival has brought life
18 back to the town of Maysville and has contributed significantly to the arts and to community
19 life in the State of Georgia.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body recognize the 2007 Maysville Autumn Leaf Festival and commend
22 its organizers for 40 years of excellent hospitality.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the organizers of the
3 Maysville Autumn Leaf Festival.